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But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.



Sunrise on the Sea of Galilee

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Those who plan to attend the General Assembly in Memphis, Tennessee, August 16-20, should make their reservations for hotel accommodations as soon as possible.

Those who prefer to stay in a private home should contact the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Rev. Paul S. Cook, 974 Inman Road, Memphis 11, Tennessee. A limited number of rooms will be available in private homes.

Direct any inquiries about accommodations to the chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

The Evarts Church of God, which is located in the heart of the economically distressed area of Kentucky, needs shoes, pants, shirts, dresses, or any other items of clothing for children. The local church has done all it can to clothe the impoverished people, but the demands are more than we can meet. Children have been attending Sunday School without coats or adequate clothing in the extremely cold weather we have had. Many are not now able to attend because they have no shoes.

Any clothing you can send me for distribution in this distressed area will be appreciated. —Rev. Charles Shelby, Jr.

—Rev. Charles Shelby, Jr.
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A Church of God is being started in Grand Island, Nebraska. Anyone having relatives or friends living in this city are asked to write Rev. Charles A. Reed, 823 South Oak Street, Grand Island, Nebraska.

COVER PICTURE

**"The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork."
(Psalm 19:1. RSV)**

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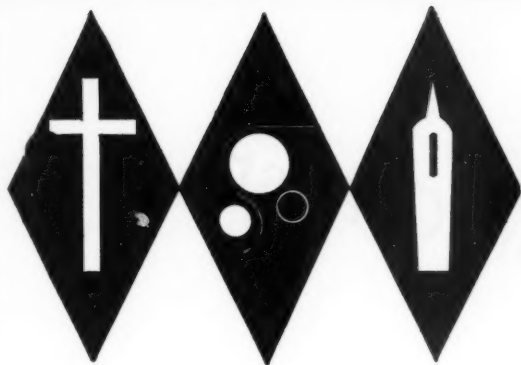
1. In the vernal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons, namely the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness. 5. That justification, regeneration and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth; through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking of the Father together with the Son in all situations, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus, First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to cast the wicked into the lake of fire a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Editorial

Dependability

ONE OF America's greatest national wonders is Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. It was my good fortune recently to visit this breath-taking reservation of geysers, waterfalls, canyons, wild life, and other spectacles. No words can describe the grandeur that is there and the overwhelming beauty of almost every inch of the park. Naturally, thousands upon thousands of people were there, and are, no doubt, there at all seasons of the years. There were numbers of people gathered at all the places we visited, but at one particular geyser there were far more people than at any of the others.

Long before we reached this geyser, we saw many cars and thousands of people. On the wall of an adjacent resort hotel was a sign which read, "The next eruption of 'Old Faithful' will be at 12:20." We had plenty of time, and found an ideal spot from which to witness the eruption of this world-famous geyser. A trooper with a megaphone in his hand stood near the depression in the earth and watched the gurgling, bubbling, steaming water. Finally he lifted his megaphone to his lips and cried out that the geyser would now erupt. We witnessed a column of steam and scalding waters spout more than one hundred feet into the air, which continued for about one minute. When that minute was past and the geyser lay quiet again, the thousands of people dispersed and went on their ways to see other points of interest in the park.

This attraction had perhaps twenty times more people at it

than anything else we saw. Other geysers (for there are many hundreds of them there) were equally spectacular in their eruptions, but they are never heard of outside the park, and do not draw even a portion of the visitors that are drawn to this particular one. The cause of this can be summed up in one word, "dependability." Over the span of years that history has been lived on this continent, it has been observed that with almost unerring regularity this geyser will erupt and send forth its jet of steam and scalding water. It is so regular that it seems almost mechanical, and this regularity has earned for it the name "Old Faithful." People can depend on it. People are not disappointed by it.

Hour by hour men are able to predict at what time "Old Faithful" will erupt. Around the world people use this regularity and faithfulness as a symbol of dependability. Our lives should be like that. The virtue of dependability should be one of the first virtues ever acquired by any person, and by all means by every Christian.

Our lives should be so that people can know that what we promise will be fulfilled, and know that what is right can be expected of us, and know that no failure on our part will cause distress to others. "Old Faithful" is predictable; men know what to expect of it. So should we be predictable in that people will know that we will never be false. Fickleness is no virtue, but is a blight on any character.

I can recall in my childhood when the expression was in vogue, "His word is as good as his bond."

While it is true that all men have not always been reliable and trustworthy, it is true that many people make it their ambition to create a reputation for dependability. That should be the aspiration of every Christian alive today. We should even be careful to the point of fanaticism to be proved dependable and reliable in all things. No fault is more unnecessary than that of undependability, and no fault will more quickly destroy other people's confidence in you and kill your own sense of responsibility and integrity. It is true that our word should be our bond; that our oral promise will be the same as if we had written it and signed it before a legal authority. Many people make so many promises and break them that soon one realizes that the only thing to be depended upon in that person is the fact that he will be undependable, and that his word is no good (this is a paradox!).

The church is in need of responsible people. Being responsible is being faithful to our duty, even in times when it is possible to shirk it. You cannot make a good Christian until you have a sense of responsibility, knowing that certain things must be done, and feeling yourself a failure unless they are done. An irresponsible person is not only an inferior Christian, but is also unsuited for any other work in life. They are at all times a liability to others, and must depend on the tolerance of others and the patience of others to get along at all. We all have responsibilities, and character is found in our fulfilling

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Lee College Students Take to the Road

To Witness for Christ

By BILL WOOTEN,
Lee College PFC President

THE LARGEST, most active religious club on the Lee College campus is the Pioneers for Christ Club.

With a motto, "Saved to Serve," this club is designed to train Christians to be more effective *personal soul-winners*. The students are given an opportunity to receive training in many different fields of service. The club sponsors fifteen weekly services, which are planned and directed by student leaders. Through these services the students receive "on-the-job" training in dealing with people personally about their souls.

One of the greatest joys in the lives of these students comes when they are able to share their experiences with the lay members of our individual churches. A recent trip to Hamilton, Ohio, was no exception. Each student and the members of the churches on the Hamilton district all rejoiced as they saw souls won to the Lord through their own personal efforts.

The students called their work in Hamilton "Operation Outreach." It began, first of all, with seventeen students' giving up a four-day holiday weekend to help others find the way of salvation. Their work began at 5:30 one chilly morning when the students and their sponsor, Miss Peggy Humphrey, left for the harvest field. During an eleven-hour drive in a three-car convoy, these workers used every opportunity to speak to someone about Christ. The Lord blessed these efforts with a middle-aged restaurant owner's making his decision for Christ.

Arriving in Hamilton, with hasty hello's to former students and a cordial welcome from the district pastor, Reverend H. C. Smith, the students soon found themselves in the Bell and Peck Avenue Tabernacle for their first service. This service was directed by the Pioneers for Christ president, Bill Wooten, and the evening message was brought by the group leader for invasions, Harmon Roberts. After an inspiring message on "The Purpose of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost," the students began to deal with individuals about their souls. The Lord rewarded their efforts with four precious converts. Many Christians were in the altar rededicating their lives for greater service for Him.

Before the service ended, each Christian was given an invitation to join the group the following day as the wheels of "Operation Outreach" began to turn with great force.

The following morning at 10:30, this group, with both young and old workers from the churches, was on the streets of Hamilton preaching the Word of God. Following this service, they distributed tracts in the downtown area.

Again that afternoon the workers met at the Hamilton Tabernacle where they prepared to do house-to-house work, which is better known to the students as an invasion. Many people were astounded when the workers knocked on their doors and began to witness to them about Jesus Christ and

the plan of salvation. During this time Christians were encouraged and many sinners had an opportunity to hear how they, too, could be free from a life of sin.

That night found the students in service at the Oxford Church of God with Reverend T. L. Cope-land. The service was inspiring and many Christians received a new vision of what they could do to win lost souls.

The entire four-day weekend was filled with services just as these. There were invasions, street services, tract brigades, and services each night.

We would like to remind you that this was not a group of evangelists, pastors, or missionaries, but a group of Spirit-filled Christians who have realized the value of lost souls and are interested in helping to rescue them from eternal damnation.

Through the cooperation of the Hamilton district and pastors, led by the district pastor, Reverend H. C. Smith, the Pioneers for Christ Club conducted twelve services, distributed about 4,000 tracts, reached thousands of people with the gospel, and led eighteen souls to Christ.

Although these are some of the outward results, the true value of "Operation Outreach" may never be fully realized. The impression made upon the life of each person who participated will cause "Operation Outreach" to be a continuing process, for it will live on in the hearts and lives of the participants as they continue to witness to lost souls and win them to Christ.

The General Overseer on his
round-the-world tour visits . . .



Missions in the Philippine Islands

BOUNDED ON the west by the China Sea, on the east by the Pacific Ocean, south-west by the Sulu Sea, and on the south by the Moro Gulf and the Celebes Sea lies a group of islands called "The pearl of the Orient," the Philippine Islands. The Philippines are comprised of 7,000 islands. The larger islands in this group are Luzon, Mindanao, and the Visayan Islands. Many of the smaller islands are uninhabited. The population of the Philippines is twenty-three million.

In the Pearl of the Orient, many have found the Pearl of Great Price. A great number who rejoice over having found this great treasure are members of the Church of God, and are busy winning the lost to the Lord. It was my happy privilege to minister to this splendid group of Christians in some special services arranged by the Overseer, Brother Lovell R. Cary.

The Church of God operates two Bible Schools in the Philippines, one on the island of Mindanao and the other on Luzon. The total enrollment in both schools this year is ninety-two, with twenty-eight in

the graduating classes this spring. There are sixty organized Churches of God with a membership of 1,643. Seventy-three ministers faithfully serve these people. Many of the graduates of the Bible Schools will be entering the harvest fields of the Master to take the gospel light to a darkened world. I met many of these fine men of God who are preaching in the Church of God. They are a dedicated group of laborers who are working at this task with unselfish devotion and unbounding joy.

On February 7, Brother Cary and I landed at the airport in Midsayap. As we stepped off the plane, a large group began singing, "There's a Christian Welcome Here." We were surrounded by Church of God Bible School students who placed flowers around our necks and gave us a hearty handshake. I felt at home among this friendly Christian group. Earlier in the day they had services at the jail where some were saved, and before our arrival they had conducted a service at the airport. We boarded a bus that had been chartered for the occasion, and all the way to the school the countryside rang with songs of praise to our Lord.

An afternoon service was conducted at 3:00 p.m. After service, we had a short rest and an evening meal before returning to the school for the night service. There was not enough room to seat all the people who came, so many stood on the outside. After the message an altar call was given and five people were saved that night. We were leaving at 6:30 the next morning, so service was announced for 5:30 in the morning. A large group had gathered by 5:00 o'clock, praying and seeking the face of the Lord. At 5:30 a.m., they sang a couple of songs and I began preaching. The Lord blessed our souls and the service continued until almost time for the bus we were to board for the ride back to the airport.

Tuesday morning, February 9, we flew to Cauayan, Isabella, where the students met us at the airport greeting us with songs and flowers. We rode to the school and conducted three services that day in the school chapel. Ministers and



James A. Cross

members from the district came for this occasion. You would be happy if you could see the buildings there and the earnest group of students eagerly searching the Scripture for truths to give to others. All three services were blessed of the Lord and at the close of the night service I gave an invitation for the unsaved. What a joy indeed to see six souls saved that night.

Wednesday morning we were again greeted at the airport in Aparri by Church of God members from the church at Barabarit. They had chartered a bus in which we all rode to the church some miles away. They lustily sang, "No one is so happy as a child of God" and other choruses while riding along. Arriving at about 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, we found lunch awaiting us. After eating we went for an afternoon service at the church. The building here is the largest in the Philippines, but long before time for the night service to begin, it was filled. People kept coming and the overflowing crowd stood to hear the Word of the Lord. At the close of the message, several came forward weeping and six souls were saved that night.

We arose at 4:30 the next morning to leave for the next service. A jeep ride of forty-eight miles was necessary to make plane connections for Payas, the next church on our itinerary. Three of the brethren went with us to Payas to enjoy the services. A large crowd greeted us with songs and flowers and all of us rode to the church. The people had erected a large sign at the church greeting the General Overseer and the Overseer of the Philippines. They had thoughtfully raised Old Glory to wave alongside the flag of the Philippines. After a splendid lunch prepared by the ladies, we had a blessed afternoon service. Overflow crowds jammed the building and many sat outside during the night service. One soul found the Lord that night. He was a backslider who longed for the restoration of the joy of the Lord.

The future for the Church of God is one of hope and of a bountiful harvest. More room is needed at both of the Bible Schools. Many new churches could be established

at once if we had preachers to send into these towns and villages. Pray for the work of the Church of God in this great field. I shall long remember the songs of this people and their great joy in the Lord.

Brother and Sister Cary are faithful missionaries for the church. I count it an honor to call them my brother and sister in the Lord. The people here love them, and the Carys love the people. Their two daughters are enthusiastic about the work here and wholeheartedly enjoy working with their

parents in this great vineyard. My visit in their home has been pleasant, and they have the ability of making one feel welcome and at perfect ease. My stay has been a delightful interlude in this busy and rushed trip.

I know that the Carys will be very pleased if you will become their fellow-laborer by praying for this field. Take time to pray for your missionaries and take time to write them a letter occasionally, letting them know you are standing with them in this great work.

Be Fashionable

Be Beautiful

Be Attractive

Be Glamorous

By LUCILLE WALKER
Lee College Instructor

THESE ARE THE appeals being made to our young people in magazines, newspapers, television, and constant advertising schemes elsewhere. Attention is drawn to the outside of one's self. People are concerned with adding this, subtracting that, cutting this, enlarging that, and by all means with spending more and more. They ignore the real truth that beauty is found first in the heart; what is worse, they ignore the true source of beauty—the Lord of glory who with His blood erases the marks of sin and puts within the beauty of holiness. Beauty is found in a quiet, kind, sweet spirit and in fine character rather than in bottles, tubes, pencils, and boxes.

A silver artificial tree looks glamorous and full of wonder in the window of a fashionable department store, but it cannot compare with the beauty of a green living tree waving in the breeze, spread out toward the sky. And what is more important, a living tree has roots which hold the soil in place and prevent floods. And its leaves give shade and shelter to animals. It is not only a thing of beauty but of usefulness.

Go to a zoological or botanical garden and you will stand in wonder at the exquisite colors, blends, and combinations in the feathers of birds which are richer and shinier than any velvet. See the intricate designs in marine life and in plant life. You will exclaim "Oh, how

perfect is the handiwork of God."

What, then, is wrong with man? Was he imperfectly created? Did God create him lower or with less care than His plants and other creations? No. Man is very wonderfully made, but God did not put the beauty of man in his outward appearance. It is found in a clean heart, an honest heart, a kind spirit and, most of all, in his worship of God. When the word "beauty" is found in the Bible, it is many times connected with "holiness." David says in Psalm 39:11, "When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth." When a man's heart is evil, there is nothing left of beauty to the Lord. There is nothing desirable left. But Isaiah tells us that even the feet of the Lord's ministers are beautiful. "How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings."

That is why Peter says in 1 Peter 3:3, 4, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

Let us therefore seek to beautify ourselves in God's sight with the garments of salvation and be dressed in the robe of righteousness. May our prayer be: "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me."



The Adorable Christ

By **WALTER C. MAULDIN**
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IN THE TEXT we are able to detect readily that Christ is **ADORABLE**. The raving demoniac immediately recognized this to be true and bowed down at Jesus' feet, seeking help, worshiped Him and came up a free man. It is a thrilling story to see this man completely delivered and set free from Satan's bondage and released from captivity. Then another amazing thing is to see a man who was one of Satan's greatest servants, after being saved by God's great power, returning to his home to serve our Lord.

Let us consider the meaning of the word "adorable." The word is described as "to feel or express reverent admiration for; to regard with fervent devotion and affection; or to idolize." What a lesson we can learn in that this devil-possessed man fell at Jesus' feet to devote his life, his affections, and all that was within him to the Lord Jesus Christ. Watch this raving maniac or madman find something in Jesus more attractive than sin itself and become so satisfied, recognizing that the adorable Christ was greater than anything he had previously found and more thrilling than sin could offer. If a poor lunatic that was gripped by

a full charge of satanic power could see in Christ so much to adore, how much more should we who are bought by His blood stand with a message of admiration for our great and powerful Lord who is so wonderful and attractive.

Why did Christ look so adorable that great multitudes numbering into thousands followed Him? It was certainly not the clothing fashion nor a great strong husky body. Instead, as people looked upon Him, they saw God in man. They not only saw a super man, but they saw a man who made the super man, who was far superior to any man that ever lived. They saw the King of Kings, the Bright and Morning Star, the Lily of the Valley, and the Rose of Sharon. Who would refuse to gather and hear a message from lips that had never sinned? He is called Emmanuel, Wonderful, and our Great God. No one is capable or has an efficient vocabulary to describe fully our Lord. Even the master minds of learning today have not been able to tell all about Him. Men with their finest journalistic talents have only been able to edge on the subject of our Master. Millions of books have brought much learning of Him, but they

are incomplete, although they thrill us by their message of description and light-giving words. Pencils after pencils are used and many million bottles of ink are distributed by writing of Him until we are exhausted and we learn then that we are unable to tell all there is to know about Him.

Greatest of thought does not reveal all His greatness. Sermon after sermon, though filled with phrases of beauty, only touch the surface of thought about the Man of Galilee.

The Bible is a wonderful book, but still as we study its contents, we soon learn it does not tell all there is to know about Christ. Even John writes, "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written" (John 21:25). Although the Bible does not tell us all there is to know about Christ, it does not mean that it is incomplete because it gives us enough light to be filled with the blessings of salvation. But I am convinced that the half has never been told. Heaven will be greater for us as we learn the fullness of

our adorable Christ and as His power is revealed.

Christ is great because of His love. He had a love that won the hearts of the people. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). He displayed love wherever He went and won the hearts of His hearers. As we read His Word, or hear His Word preached, His love begins to burn our hearts and we give ourselves over to Him for service.

I like to think of the adorable message Christ brought to the thirsting and the hungry souls. It was an understandable message because of its simplicity. The contents were a message directly from God. I feel that is the way God wants us to preach today.

His message was outreaching to the extent that it sought for the souls of a child, the drunkard, the low class, the rich, and the poor; there were no exclusions. His message reached for whosoever will. Let him come; and if he comes, he will not be disappointed.

I adore Christ because of His

faith. Christ had a faith that is amazing to me. Why cannot we step out with the same faith today and display Christ in our churches. We are encouraged in John 14:12: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." If we practice this verse of Scripture in our churches, we will have more than warmed-over services; heaven will visit us with greater things than Christ did, because Christ is there today with His Father, who is our Father, too. If we live by Christ's words, revival fires will burn at all times in our hearts because He is a man who makes good every word He says. When we go by Christ's words, we have Christ, the Father, and the Holy Ghost along with the angels to uphold us in performing service to Him.

Christ did not fail to use His authority to a great advantage. "And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with

authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out" (Luke 4:36). This attracted the multitudes, because He was authorized to heal the sick and save souls as He forgave sin. The wicked were turned to righteousness through Him. Eyes that had never seen began to blink as the light of glory began to pierce its way inside. The deaf began to hear as prayer bells of heaven were heard by the ears which had never heard. Shouts of joy filled the air as the crippled began to walk. The leper who could not be a normal person was healed by the Master and returned to normal life as Jesus requested that he go show himself to the priest. Hopeless cases were not and still are not a problem for Christ, because His word of authority conquers the stubborn demons and sets the captives free. The despondent captive sees hope through Him. Through Him resurrections were the outcome of funerals and decayed bodies began to live again.

We look forward to the appearance of our lovely Lord as He comes for His own.

To New Converts

ROBERT C. DAWKINS

I SUPPOSE after we are converted, the first thing that strikes us is temptation. Since we have been born again, we are now Christians, which means we should be Christ-like. By all means, we want to be like Him, so we must start by fighting temptation as He did.

Christ went through temptation as we do. Hebrews 4:15, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." So let us be like Him and fight temptation as He did.

In Matthew 4 where we read of His temptation, notice He said in answering the devil, "It is written." He always answered him with the Word of God.

We cannot fight the devil with our temper, or spite, or any other way except with God's Word.

Next, we must consider prayer. If the Word is our food, then prayer is the utensil with which we eat it. Even those who have been Christians for a long time find it necessary to pray.

Prayer is communication with your heavenly Father. Let us also fashion our prayer life after Christ. In Luke 11:2, Christ, in teaching His disciples to pray, told them first to praise God; "Hallowed be thy name."

When you are tempted, pray earnestly for grace to stand, for God hears your prayer. Acts 10:4, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," Matthew 4:4. To fail to read your Bible is to starve your soul. Amos 8:11: "Behold, the days come, saith

the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."

Just as prayer is your communication to God, so the Bible is His communication to you. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God," 2 Timothy 2:15.

When you make a mistake, you do not have to turn back to sin. John speaking to new converts, states, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate (one who pleads the cause of another) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous," 1 John 2:1.

You will make mistakes. You will not know all in a day, month, or year. For "knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4). Also, you shall "grow in grace" (2 Peter 3:18).

Any question to which you can find no answer, ask your pastor or another real Christian friend. He will gladly help you.



testimonies

God Performs a Miracle

BOGALUSA, La.—Our oldest child, Margaret Ann Misita Crane, was stricken with paralytic polio in June, 1959. She was admitted to the Polio Center at New Orleans Charity Hospital. The doctor feared it would be a very long time before she would ever walk again or perhaps she would be crippled the rest of her life. She is 19 years old and the mother of two children. Knowing her family needed her so badly at home and wanting so much to walk again, she began to pray earnestly that God would heal her body.

Our pastor, Rev. Murphy Breland, requested prayer for her at the camp meetings he attended. One evening we, along with Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Johns, visited our daughter in the hospital. Rev. Emmett Crane, Margaret Ann's father-in-law, was also there. Before leaving we all began to pray for her. She was the only patient in the ward at the time so we had freedom to pray as we wished.

After we had prayed my husband asked her to try to get off the bed and walk. He said, "I believe you are healed, Margaret Ann. There was too much of God's power here for you not to be." She asked him and her husband to help her sit up and get off the edge of the bed. At that time she could barely sit up after someone had placed her in a sitting position.

They stood her up at the side of the bed and she lifted her hands and began to speak with other tongues, and she began to walk. I cannot begin to tell you how the power of God came down and blessed. The aides and nurses and visitors were amazed because they knew she had been able to sit up for only a few minutes. She walked around the bed for 35 minutes praising God.

The guard downstairs heard of the miracle and he and the elevator man came up to see a miracle that had been performed. Tears were in their eyes. Nearly everyone around was Catholic, and they be-

gan to ask us what prayer we had offered up. We told them no special one, but we had faith in God.

The night supervisor came in and told us we could not let that girl get up like that. She ran to call the doctor. When he arrived he was amazed. I told him we had prayed for her and God had healed her. He said faith could do a lot of things. He called the head doctor and he said he could not release her. She began to cry and tell the doctor that God had healed her and she wanted to leave there that night. He called the head doctor again and told him she was walking and had improved greatly. He told him the night supervisor said that the people visiting Mrs. Crane had been jumping up and down and praying and shouting, but she is up walking. They gave her a pass to come home for 24 hours and she has not gone back yet. She has been to church, to town and is going where she pleases. We want God to have all the praise for this wonderful miracle.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Misita

God Heals Growth on Ear

BRISTOL, Fla.—I would like to testify about the goodness of our Lord. He has been so good to me and has been my healer all my life. Early this year, He healed a growth on my ear that I thought was developing into a cancer. I praise Him so much for that. He really helps us when we trust in Him.

I have some other needs for healing now and I would greatly appreciate your prayers.

—Ruby C. Shuler

God Heals Cancer Patient

TUCSON, Ariz.—"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon

him, and with his stripes we are healed."

On April 27, 1957, I was operated on for melanoma cancer. My husband, Rev. Robert J. Johnson, was given very little hope that I would live, even to return home from the hospital; if I did come through the operation, it would be only 4 to 6 months that I would live. About 2 weeks after the operation, someone touched the hem of His garment. Through my body flowed the healing virtue, and today I'm a living witness of the healing power of Jesus. Praise His wonderful name! My soul rejoices even while I write. May God bless every person who prayed for me. I do appreciate it so very much. I love the Lord and have a greater desire to do something for Him than ever before.

—Mrs. Tula Johnson

The Lord Performs a Miracle

ZION, Ill.—I have been a member of the Church of God for nine and one-half years. I take the *Evangel*, and it is more than a blessing to me. I just wish it were larger.

Two years ago on January 23, the Lord performed a miracle for us, and I wish to tell it for the glory of Christ. My husband was a backslider and God was dealing with his heart. I was expecting our little boy, and I saw in a dream that if my husband did not accept Christ, I would never get to touch my baby. He arrived a big boy, but one lung was grown shut with gristle. The doctor told me he could not live, and they do not operate on infants in such cases. He told me to pray; as he said that doctors do not have the time.

As I was praying, my husband was burdened with conviction. For two weeks the baby lay in an incubator, with oxygen going into him like steam. They took three X rays a day. Each one showed the same. My husband left the house one night and when he came back, he told me that he had been to church, and was saved and sanctified.

The next day when we called about the baby, the doctor said he did not know what was going on. The X rays that morning showed the baby's lung expanded and not even a scar where the gristle had been. He was perfect, and still is to this day. Praise God! I had not touched him until I walked from the hospital with him.

My husband is called to preach and we are trying daily to do just what Jesus would have us to do.

—Mrs. H. England



reports

✓ New Church Progressing Rapidly

FALKVILLE, Ala.—The Falkville Church of God was organized June 29, 1958, with 17 members. God graciously blessed the next few months and 12 more were added to the church—6 new converts having come in at the close of a revival conducted by Margaret Jacobs. Brother L. E. Tally, pastor of the Woodlawn Church of God at Birmingham, conducted the opening revival and seemingly the whole town came night after night and became acquainted with the Church of God and its teachings. There were 3 saved in that revival. Brother A. V. Beaube conducted a recent revival. Again there was a good attendance and one man was united with the church during that revival.

A lot in an ideal part of town was donated by Melton McNally. Most of the timber was also do-



nated. The men went to the woods, cut it, and carried it to the mills. All of that was a new experience for the pastor, Brother Phillips. The lot was dedicated to God for His house as soon as the stakes went into the ground; the lumber was also dedicated to God. One could see the mighty hand of God all through the gathering of materials and the erection of the building. His great presence was felt inside the building from the very beginning.

It has been said that the Falkville Church is one of the most

beautiful churches of its size. The choir seats 55 people and is elevated; the church has cushioned theater seats, hardwood flooring and pine paneling throughout, recessed lighting, and soundproof acoustical tile ceiling. The factory-built pews are natural oak.

If this church is one of the most beautiful churches in the state, then all the honor and glory go to God for His help. Appreciation also goes to Melton McNally for his untiring efforts to see a Church of God in his home town and his devotion and loyalty in standing by the church and his pastor.

—Edna E. Phillips, reporter

✓ Church Sends Personal Gifts to Children in the Home for Children

GRENADA, Miss. — Grenada Church of God sent 189 gifts to the children at the Church of God Home for Children located at Sevierville, Tennessee.

Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Ford, Jr., pastor of Grenada Church of God and district pastor, collected the 189 packages at the parsonage located at 157 Harvey Street. These gifts were contributed by members and friends of the Church of God throughout the district churches. Each child at this particular home did receive a personal gift. Assisting in this program were Rev. and Mrs. Hulon Evans. Brother Evans is pastor of Stonefield Church of God and is also district youth director.

Rev. Cecil Bridges, superintendent of the Home, was contacted for listings of name and age of each child, which he gladly gave.

The Home is supported by the orphanage program of the Church of God, by contributions, and free will offerings.

As these gifts were gathered in, each contributor felt a spiritual joy; even though he was not able to pay a personal visit with these orphans, he could visit them at this Christmas season with a personal gift, and thereby render a service as commanded in James 1:27.

—H. P. Ford, Jr., pastor

✓ Holy Ghost Revival Sweeps Bradenton, Palmetto, Sarasota Area

BRADENTON, Fla. — It was in January, 1959, that I approached Brother Lowery concerning a meeting here in Bradenton and it was from that time that we began to prepare for the large tent meeting that was to come to our city in November. This required many things to be done and many plans to be made, such as securing and leasing a suitable location for such a large undertaking, preparing the property, and obtaining the necessary city permits.

Then came the cautious job of organizing and bringing together the various Pentecostal ministers and their churches under one united front in this great and very successful endeavor for God.

Many of our people said that this campaign was greater evangelistically than our wonderful state camp meeting at Wimauma. The massive tent was filled and people stood at the entrances and on the outside. The large prayer tent at the rear of the auditorium tent was crowded almost every night. Some of the business men

or professional men who are friends of mine felt like we had embarked on the wrong boat when they saw the massive arrangements that were being made. But after the meeting proved to be such a great and successful revival, they changed their minds and were very happy themselves for the outstanding results. A fine man who is choir director in one of the large Methodist Churches came to me one night in the prayer tent and, after grabbing my hand and embracing me, said: "Brother Newton, this is just wonderful. We have been needing something like this in our city for a long time."

Among the sponsoring Pentecostal churches, there was such unity, fellowship and cooperation among the ministers and the large group of personal workers and fine laymen who were chosen to serve on the various committees, that you were unable to distinguish whether the minister or worker was Assembly of God, Pentecostal Holiness, or Church of God. There was such a deep feeling of Christian love, fellowship, and unity. Long live this kind of feeling among God's people.

It was reported to me by those who have lived in this area for many, many years that the T. L. Lowery Evangelistic Campaign was the greatest thing that has ever come to the Bradenton, Palmetto, and Sarasota area. There is absolutely no human way of knowing the number of experiences received from this Gulf Coast Area Campaign. Eternity alone will reveal

the great accomplishments and will help add to the great rewards for the many sacrifices that were made by those who, along with the evangelistic party, were responsible for making possible the coming of this revival to Bradenton.

There were hundreds and hundreds of people who were saved, sanctified, or baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Brother Herb Winegar and his mother are such fine and dedicated Christians and both of them are such a great blessing to the revival campaigns. Brother Winegar told me that the Lowery Campaign here was one among the very greatest they had ever had.

In the afternoon service on the last Sunday of the meeting, there were about 255 people who obeyed the Lord's commandment and were baptized in water underneath the large tent in the portable baptistry.

Of the seventeen sponsoring churches, there were one Pentecostal Holiness, the Full Gospel Tabernacle, three Assemblies of God, and twelve Churches of God on the Manatee District.

Everyone, including the evangelist, seemed to marvel over the perfect unity and harmony with which the ministers and churches worked. People are beginning already to talk to me about arranging for the return of the tent and this evangelistic party. The Lord willing, we are hoping to have them back with us in this area sometime in the near future.

—E. L. Newton, pastor

DEPENDABILITY

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those responsibilities when it is left up to us to do so. Anyone can be faithful to responsibilities when someone is near them to compel them to do so. A person is virtuous only when he is faithful in all things, when it is left for him to decide whether or not to be.

Irresponsibility, undependability, untrustworthiness, unreliability, unfaithfulness, and unpredictableness are evil brothers and not fit companions for any Christian. They leave in their path distress, disappointment, confusion, insecurity, and destroyed faith. In the church, in the school, in your home, on your job, among your friends, among your business associates, all who ever meet you should learn that you can be depended upon, that you can be trusted in

your promises, relied upon to do right even when there is no spoken promise, trusted to be a defender of truth, looked to as a constant and steady person whose character refuses to be untainted by the faults mentioned here.

Scores stood around the other geysers, hoping to see an eruption, but thousands gathered at "Old Faithful" because they knew it could be depended upon, and they would not be disappointed. That is why it is called "Old Faithful." Can people lean on you? Can they trust you, knowing that they will not be disappointed? Can God trust you so? Can man trust you so? It is in these things that we shall be called faithful. "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord," Matthew 25:23.

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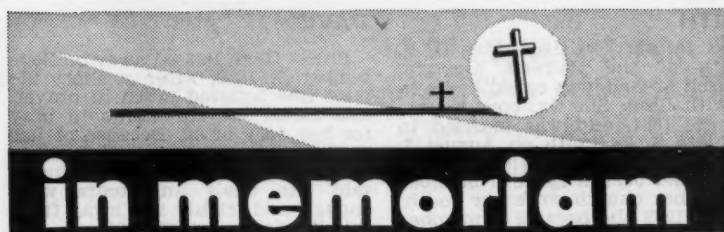
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✓ COMBS

Reverend Willis E. Combs was born in Lee County, Kentucky, on April 20, 1912, and went to be with the Lord on December 3, 1959. He was pastor of the Church of God at 3542 Butler Avenue, Fresno, California, at the time of his death. He was stricken with leukemia about four weeks before he passed away.

He was saved at the age of 17 at the Church of God at South Lebanon, Ohio, during a revival conducted by Rev. Joel Stamper. He was sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and became a member of the church during that revival.

His first pastorate was the church at South Lebanon which he had supported faithfully and where he had served as clerk, Sunday School teacher, and Y.P.E. leader. During the time he was pastor, a new building was completed and dedicated. The building was constructed of cement block. There was a full size basement with Sunday School rooms, rest rooms, and a heating plant.

From South Lebanon he moved to Richmondale, Ohio. He enjoyed a successful pastorate there. The church was blessed with a number of souls being saved. While he was laboring there, God laid upon his heart a burden for the city of Norwood, Ohio. For weeks he prayed about going there, and carried such a burden that he walked the floor and prayed into the night hours. Finally he made his decision to go. The State Overseer, Reverend J. H. Hughes, gave his approval. God worked in marvelous ways. His wonders to perform, and the Church of God was founded in that city. There were suffering and heartache, but he never complained. He was happy in working for God and the church.

In 1948 he moved his family to the State of California because he felt the Lord had need of his service there. The East Los Angeles Church on South Gage Avenue was his first pastorate in California. While there the membership more than doubled, and improvements were made on the parsonage.

While he pastored the church on Millbrook and Harvey Avenues in Fresno, a new church building was

erected. The auditorium is 40' x 60', and four Sunday School rooms and a heating and cooling plant are located at the rear of the auditorium. There is also a large nursery. The property at that time was valued at \$32,000. The membership more than doubled, and the finance increased to the highest record the church had ever known. Numbers were saved and blessed of the Lord.

He was pastor of the church in San Pablo, California, and in Battle Creek, Michigan. At both of these churches the work of God prospered under his leadership. Repair work, painting, and remodeling were done on the church property.

At Torrance, California, a beautiful three-bedroom parsonage was built and completely furnished during Brother Combs' administration. God blessed the church with numbers being saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the church.

At camp meeting time in 1956 a pastor was needed at the church on Butler Avenue in Fresno. He volunteered to go there because God had been dealing with him about pastoring the church. While the church at Torrance was considered one of the best in the state (and the church there had voted for him to remain another term), he did not hesitate, at the moving of the Spirit of God, to resign and go to Fresno. The church on Butler Avenue had no property of its own. As soon as possible he arranged, with the cooperation of the church, to purchase the large church building which now houses the Church of God. The building was remodeled, repainted, the seating arrangement changed, and new carpets installed. The church has prospered, and God has blessed the work of His faithful servant during the past three and one-half years.

Everywhere he went he labored in behalf of the church. His whole life and everything he had was expended for God and the church. Only eternity can tell all the good he did during his lifetime. He was loved and highly respected for the godly life he lived.

In the State of California, he had served the church for a number of years as a member of the State Council. He was on the School Board of the West Coast Bible

College. He served on the Ministerial Examining Board, and as State Trustee.

He left a testimony that he was ready to go if the Lord saw best to take him home. Many people remarked that his Christian life had been a real example to them.

His funeral was under the direction of Rev. L. W. McIntyre, State Overseer of California and Nevada. Interment was in the Belmont Memorial Park Cemetery in Fresno.

He leaves his widow; three sons, Willis, Jr., Elden, and LeRoy all of Fresno; one daughter, Mrs. Darlene Royer of Fresno; one granddaughter, Tamra Lyn Royer; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Combs of Dayton, Ohio; two brothers, Rev. R. M. Combs of Hemet, California, and Rev. C. J. Combs of Lebanon, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Wilson Burton of Wide Creek, Kentucky, and Mrs. Viola Hlatt of Oregonia, Ohio; other relatives and many friends.

—Reporter

✓ SCARBERRY

Rev. A. J. Scarberry went to meet his Lord at 11:50 p.m., Saturday, November 7, in Charleston, West Virginia, shortly after leaving the Oral Roberts' campaign which was being held in that city. Brother Scarberry was born in Jackson County, West Virginia, but was a charter member of the Church of God in Mount Moriah, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, Dora, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 2 brothers, 1 sister, 20 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Three children preceded him in death.

Large numbers attended the funeral of this man of God who was 72 years of age at the time of death. Our sympathies go to those who remain, and our thanksgiving goes to God for the assurance that he is with the Lord.

—D. C. Boatwright, overseer of Ohio

✓ DORMAN

Rev. Thomas Edwin Dorman was born December 14, 1927, in Harrett County, North Carolina, and departed this life to be with Jesus on December 4, 1959. Brother Dorman found Christ on March 5, 1952, while Rev. P. A. Howard was pastoring the church; he was a faithful believer and member until his death.

He was always a faithful assistant to the pastor as he felt the call of God on his own life. He worked in the church as Sunday School superintendent. Then later in 1956 the church was organized in North Henderson to which he gave his support.

In 1957 he went to Stovall, North

Carolina, organized and built the church there, and was pastor until his death. He was afflicted with cancer and suffered much in the last months of his life, but he had a very strong faith and testimony that God would heal or take him home where there was no pain. His faith under trial blessed many.

On November 3, 1951, Brother Dorman was united in marriage to Miss Jacqueline Messer and to this happy union God gave 2 boys and 2 girls. With his family, his love for God and his church, Brother Dorman was happy. At his death he also leaves to mourn his passing, his mother, 2 brothers, 5 sisters, and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the South Henderson Church of God by the pastor, D. A. Hensley, and Rev. P. A. Howard. His body was laid to rest in the Greenwood Cemetery, Dunn, North Carolina.

—D. A. Hensley, pastor

NEAL

On January 28, Brother Clyde W. Neal passed from our midst to his eternal reward. He was a charter member of the New Castle Church of God and until the past few months was always active in the work of the church. He was church clerk for many years as well as a trustee, which position he held at the time of his death.

He will be greatly missed by his pastor, members and friends of the church, as well as by his family. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, William L. Simpson, who was assisted by Rev. Jack Gambill, pastor of the Muncie Church of God. We pray that God will encourage Brother Neal's family and friends to press on in the good fight of faith and to run the race to the end.

—William Simpson, pastor

PITTS

Paul Payton Pitts was born November 3, 1911, at Moultrie, Georgia, and departed this life to join the company of the heavenly on January 15, 1959. Brother Pitts was a resident of Winter Haven, Florida, for the past 25 years and a faithful member of the West Winter Haven Church of God. He will be greatly missed in our fellowship, but we know that another pilgrim has made it safely home.

Breathe a word of prayer for his fine family who are all members of the Church of God: Sister Vera Mae, his faithful wife; Mrs. Shelba Jean Godwin, the wife of Rev. Arnold Godwin; and his only son, Richard Payton Pitts.

—A. J. Duncan, pastor

SMITH

On January 20, 1960, Mrs. S. F. Smith of the Cadwell, Georgia, Church of God, was called home to be with Jesus. She was born February 28, 1881, and was married to the late S. F. Smith on August 2, 1903.

She had been a faithful member of another church since her youth, but in 1952 she became a member of the Church of God. There was not a Church of God in her community until she became interested. She heard that a church was being disbanded and took the opportunity to purchase the building and furniture with her own funds. Her son, a minister, preached the first revival and the church was organized in March of 1952. She was the first to join. A short time later she was baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Granny, as everyone called her, will be missed by her children, church, and everyone who knew her, but we know our loss is heaven's gain, and we know she awaits us on the shores of sweet deliverance.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. H. M. Brazil, who was assisted by Rev. Ellison. Her body was laid to rest in the Snow Hill Cemetery. She leaves to mourn her passing 7 sons, 3 daughters, 31 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and a number of other relatives and friends. Her entire family would appreciate your prayers.

—F. S. Smith, son

DAVIS

Sheba Davis passed away on September 3, 1959, after a short illness. She believed much in prayer, and called for the saints to pray for her very often. Because of her great faith, she received healing many times but the Master finally said her trials and tears were enough and let her slip away from this life to live eternally.

Her funeral was conducted at the Nicholls Church of God by Rev. Henry Sears, Rev. D. M. Cobb, and Rev. G. A. Lewis. Everyone misses Sister Davis so much, but on the resurrection day we are expecting to meet again.

—G. A. Lewis, pastor

MUSIC

Mary Jane Music, a faithful member of the Nicholls Church of God, departed this life October 28, 1959, to be with the Lord. She had many long months of suffering before she passed away. She was always cheerful and would say she was ready to go when the Lord saw fit to call. As everyone was standing by her bedside at the last breath, the most beautiful smile I have ever seen lit up her face. She had gone to meet her reward.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Cecil Wheeler and Rev. G. A. Lewis.

—G. A. Lewis, pastor

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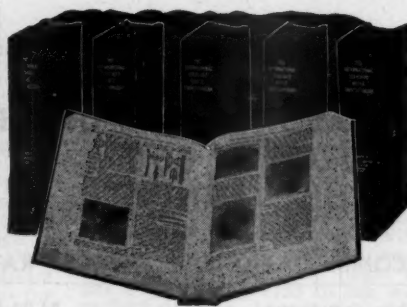
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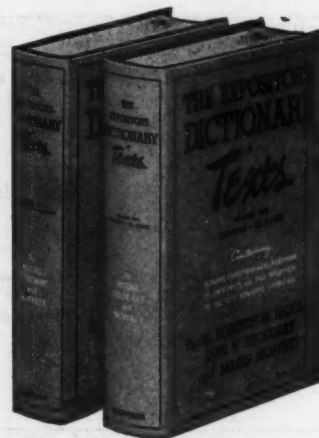
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